

COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

On Saturday February 3rd, a commissioning ceremony will be held for the members of the Parish Council and our School Teacher. This will take place during the celebration of the 6pm Sunday Vigil Mass.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

In 2015, Pope Francis declared 8th February each year (the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita of Sudan) to be the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking. To mark this important day, the Office of Justice and Peace, the Archdioceses for Youth, the South Sudan Catholic Community, ACRATH, and the Melbourne Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office invite you to attend St Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday 8th February 2018 as means of fulfilling Pope Francis' desire to end the scourge of modern day slavery. St. Patricks Cathedral, East Melbourne
6.30 pm Holy Hour
7.30pm Mass.
Celebrant: Very Rev Joe Caddy.

St Francis Xavier Parish Prayer



O God, eternal Lord of all things: You created humanity in your image and likeness and so loved the world that you gave your only begotten Son so that whoever believes in him might have life and have it to the fullest. Grant that, in imitation of the servant of Christ, Saint Francis Xavier, who carried the good news of salvation to many people we may courageously proclaim your Word and be the salt of the earth and light of the world. **Amen.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Commissioning Ceremony Feb 3
6pm Vigil Mass
Parish Picnic Feb 4
Ash Wednesday Feb 14

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR BULLETIN

You are invited to place an advertisement, with details of your business/ trade in our weekly Bulletin, which reaches many homes. Rates are reasonable, for either six or twelve monthly placements, and are of business card size, or smaller.

Contact Parish office 97833484 for more details.

Feast Days: 31 Jan: St John Bosco
2 Feb: The Presentation of the Lord
3 Feb: Sts Blaise and Ansgar

Other Groups/Activities:

St. Vincent de Paul Society meets 1st & 3rd Mondays 4pm in Xavier Centre.
Donations/Assistance: 9769 6060
Membership: 0438 573 694; 9770 5570; 9783 3976
Furniture Donations: 1800 621 349
Friendship Club (Seniors): 1st Wednesday of month in the Xavier Centre at 10.30am. Bus trips on 3rd Thursday of month. Contact: Marie - 9775 8737
Knitting Group: Contact Yvonne - 5976 8480
Prayer Line: Carolyn Gobel - 5971 3103
Please stop by and have a Cuppa: Every Thursday after 9.15am Mass in the Quilter Room and Every Sunday after the 10.30am Mass in the Xavier Centre.



Frankston Parish strives to create an environment where children are safe, respected and cared for. See Church Foyer for more information.

SUNDAY COLLECTION 21/01/2018

Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Church \$ 1655 - Presbytery \$. 705
Please ensure you write your dollar amounts on each side of the envelopes. *Thank You*

Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection

1st Reading (JB) Job 7:1-4. 6-7
2nd Reading (JB) 1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23
Gospel (JB) Mark 1:29-39



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Sunday Masses

Vigil Mass -Saturday Evening 6.00pm
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am, 5.30pm

Weekday Masses

Tuesday - Saturday 9.15 am
Monday - 1st + 3rd Mondays of month

Liturgy of Word and Communion Service

Monday - 9.15am
2nd + 4th + 5th Mondays of month

Anointing Mass

9.15am First Thursday of month

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

& Adoration
Wednesday 8.40am-9.10am
Friday after 9.15am Mass

Rosary

Wednesday after 9.15am Mass
Before Mass Tuesday and Saturday

Children's Liturgy

Sunday during 10.30am Mass

Charismatic Prayer Group

Wednesday: 7.30pm in Chapel

Legion of Mary

Friday: 2pm in Quilter Room

Divine Mercy

Friday: 3pm in Chapel (private prayer)

Charismatic Prayer for Healing

3rd Sunday of month: 5.15pm music, then Prayer for Healing after 5.30pm Mass:

Teach,Preach,Reach (TPR), Adoration

& Healing after 5.30pm Mass
4th Sunday of month

Cell Groups

Tuesday: 10.00am in Quilter Room
Thursday: 7.30pm in Quilter Room

Confessions

Saturday: 10am - 10.30am,
Saturday: 5.30pm - 5.50pm

The Sacrament of Baptism

1st Sunday of month during the Masses.
(Saturday Evening Mass inclusive)
4th Sunday of month at 11.30am
(after the 10.30am Mass)

2018
28th January

THE FOURTH
SUNDAY OF
YEAR B

This Sunday's Readings: **1st Reading** Deuteronomy 18:125-20 **2nd Reading** Corinthians 7:32-35
Resp Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9 **R. If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Gospel Mark 1:21-28 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted,

'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.





HOMILY FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

The Gospel of today, (Mk 1:21-28), presented Jesus as the new Moses. The first reading, (Deut 18:15-20), prophesied about this new Moses and it stated that the one who does not listen to the words of God as spoken by this prophet, (new Moses), shall be held accountable by God. Moses was the greatest law giver, the first five books of the Old Testament, (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy), were ascribed to him. After the death of Moses, the Book of Deuteronomy, had this reflection about him; "since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, who did all those signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt - to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel", (Deut 34:10-12).

Jesus as the new Moses, taught the people about the kingdom of God in a Synagogue. We read that his teaching made a deep impression on the people, because unlike the scribes he taught with authority. There are different kinds of authority. One may be knowledgeable in a particular field of study and we regard him/her as an authority in that field. A good example is someone like Steve Hawkins in the area of physics. There is the authority that perpetuates oppression and structural subjugation of others. For instance, in some Islamic, Asian and African societies, women are denied education and job opportunities merely because they are women. Again, Hitler and his cohorts are good examples of authority that demean people. Parents too have authority in their family, however, some parents through their actions have abnegated their authority in their family.

Jesus' authority is one that brings life and wholeness to people. It brings both physical, spiritual and emotional healing. In the Gospel of today, Jesus did not only teach the people, he also brought healing to a sick person. This wholistic approach by Jesus made the people to be full of admiration for him and they said, "Here is a teaching that is new and with authority behind it."

Jesus had taught his disciples that to be great is to be the servants of others. When his disciples were squabbling about who was the greatest among them, Jesus reminded them that among the pagans, their leaders are authoritarian, but in the Christian community, leadership is through service. He invited them to follow his example, for though He is the second Person of the Blessed Trinity, he humbled himself to become human for the justification of all humans. Again, he came not to be served but to serve and to offer his life as a ransom for many, (Mk 10:45).

Jesus leads from the front. He had criticised the scribes and the Pharisees for 'talking the talk' and not 'walking the walk'. The Church has done lots of good work in the world. She has touched peoples lives and transformed them. She has brought light and hope to communities.

She has lifted communities from the mud and stood them on pedestals. She has freed communities from shackles that are holding them bondage. None-the-less, there have been some behaviours from some Christians that have led to the erosion of the authority of the Church and Christianity in the world.

Good examples include the Church's participation in slavery and the cover up of the abuse of minors by Church leaders. Hence, at times, the authority entrusted to the Church by Christ has been abused. Jesus had entrusted his authority to the Church when he said to Peter, "So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock, I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never overpower it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of Heaven: whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven," (Mt 16:18).

Again, when Jesus said to his disciples after his resurrection, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And look, I am with you always; yes, to the end of time," (Mt 28:18-20).

Those who exercise authority, should be conscious that authority is sacred. Authority should always be exercised for the good of others and not to advance one's ego or camouflage one's lack of skills.

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

Each Year on the Feast of the Presentation (Feb 2) the Church celebrates and honours the gift of Consecrated Life to the Church and the world. Many of us have been the grateful recipients of ministry of faithful religious in schools, hospitals, parishes, etc. Please spare a prayer of thanksgiving for the religious that have touched your life. Please pray that young people may generously offer themselves to the Lord in service in the religious life.

Parish Picnic Sunday, 4 February

A joint picnic between the Parishes of St Francis Xavier & St John will be held on Sunday at 12 noon in the George Pentland Botanical Gardens (entry via Foote Street) in Frankston.



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BBQ facilities available

SHALOM WORLD -

Family Television Network Australia have launched a



commercial free high-definition Catholic family entertainment channel that reaches out to the world with the truth and peace that can only be found in Jesus Christ! Download now on: iPhone, iPad, Android phone & tablet, Kindle Fire. More details can be found at shalomworld.org

Children's Ministry Leaders Needed

Our Parish is dedicated to the spiritual formation of our young children. As the number of participants in our children's liturgy continues to grow, a strong team of committed leaders will be required to sustain this ministry in 2018. We invite anyone who might feel called to this role in our Church to please contact the Parish Office for more information. We hope and pray that you might be inspired to help in this valuable mission!

We pray with loving and trustful hearts for Jan Buckner, Helen Boundy, Graeme Purdon, Gloria Resubal, Adrienne Bould, John Burrows, Alfredo Fiorenzo, Jess, John Kennedy, Jacquie Williams, Kevin Churchill and for all our Parishioners, friends and family who are not doing so well at this time, that they will recognize the hand of our Merciful and Loving God in difficult times. **We pray** for our recently departed family and friends: especially Cesar Dela Cruz and we remember those whose anniversary occurs at this time: M.C. John, Chacko, Thankamma George, V.M. Simon, Daisy Assey, Mathai.V., Eric & Mary De Netto, Jimmy & Josefina David and Gary Eldred. - may they rest in peace in God's heavenly kingdom.

Fundraising Committee

There will be an AD-Hoc meeting on **Tuesday 30th January at 9.45am** in the Barbeta Room.

Money counters

There will be a meeting of all counters on Tuesday 30th January at 10.00 am in the Barbeta Room. All counters are asked to attend.

For Your Interest and Diaries

St Francis Xavier - Frankston

- SVdP Mornington will hold a Musical Concert fundraising event on Sunday 18th February at 2pm in our Xavier Centre. Proceeds will go to help the less fortunate in the Mornington Community. Contact Elvira on 5974 2607

Syro Malabar

Every Thursday night - 6pm Mass
First Sunday of month - 4pm Mass

External

- ♦ LOCAL RADIO: Every Sunday morning at 8.00 am Peninsula Radio Rpp 98.7 fm presents **THE CATHOLIC HOUR**. A free to air to benefit the community in general, the sick, housebound or people just wanting to know how we think! For further information contact Maureen Federico 9787 6540

Holy Spirit Pilgrimage to "Holy Land & Holy Places in Italy (17 Days)" for \$5,555 from 3rd-19th Sept, 2018 and 7 Days

"Optional Extension to Egypt & Jordan".

Spiritual Directors:

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New comers / notification

Welcome and thanks for worshipping with us at St Francis Xavier. If you are new to the parish or have changed your home address or need Thanksgiving Envelopes, please fill in your details and drop it in the collection bag or give to the priest.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

New Change of Address

I would like Thanksgiving Envelopes